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Docket No. 09/272,404

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AF/2633

In re the Application of:

Hideyuki MIYATA, et al.

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For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND METHOD WHICH ADJUST RISE AND
FALL TIME OF SIGNAL LIGHT TO BE TRANSMITTED

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on October 2, 2002.

This Response includes arguments in response to the new comments by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. No claim amendments are made, and no new claims are added, herein. Therefore, although the outstanding Office Action was made Final, it is respectfully requested that this Response be entered.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8, 11-20, 22-29, 31-33, 35 and 37 are currently pending.